

ANIMAL PROTECTION & CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD Meeting Minutes June 27, 2002

<u>In Attendance:</u> <u>Staff:</u>

Linda Cox Tim Jennings
Carol Williams Adrienne Willows

Dr. Liz Grauer

Debi Bidleman Pat Jollota Deen Adolphe Rick Collord

I. Call to Order:

Carol Williams called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Ed Anderson contacted Animal Control and said he would not be able to make tonight's meeting.

II. Reading & Approval of the May 2002 minutes:

Minutes were approved as written.

III. Orders of the Day

Guest: Rich Carson:

Rich Carson has been the Director of Community Development for three (3) years, he has 30 years of experience in both the private sector and with government. He has worked mostly in planning and development, this is first time working with Animal Control and has been very pleased with Tim Jennings and his division.

Rich stated that when he first came to the department one of the issues he wanted to address was in relation to customer service, so he requested a performance audit, with that came 42 recommendations that in turn were used for key points when developing the Strategic Plan. He had very specific plans for the department relating to the growth in population. With the

increase in population comes an increase in different cultures living together. There is a change in the expectations from the public of what the county is to provide as services to the community especially in the rural areas. Rich addressed re-working the revenue and fee structures for the county moving to a full cost recovery to make up for ballot measure failure.

Community Development is also moving into a new building to bring all the related county functions into one place and with hope that this will also help to boost moral. The county is also in the process of bringing in the Southwest Washington Health District and having them in the new building since they are also involved in planning and land use issues.

Carol Williams suggested that it was time to revise the code in regards to animals and zoning. Rich agreed that we need to go through all codes one section at a time and evaluate how the codes are interpreted and identify problems and limitations. He realizes that there are a lot of inconsistencies in the codes, but there is a process that must be followed.

Community Spay/Neuter Program:

The subcommittee that reviewed the proposals for the 2002-2003 program submitted the following recommendation to the advisory board.

Organization	Amount requested	Summation of Proposal	Sub Committee Recommendation
Furry Friends	\$4,000	Match the SN Program dollar with donations to see that every animal adopted from Furry Friends is altered before placement.	\$1,000 Subcommittee utilized # submitted and average SN program procedure expense per animal in determining recommendation
JAWS	\$8,000	Match 50%-50% SN Program funds with either JAWS funds, or pet owner funds to cover the spay/neuter expense.	\$7,000 Continuation of established program.
West Columbia Gorge HS	\$4,625	Match 25%-25% SN Program funds w/pet owner paying 50%.	\$0 Proposal did not meet criteria of RFP.
SW WA Humane Society	\$3,000	Litter relinquished at no charge if owner agrees to have mother dog altered. Funding split 33.5% HS 66.5% SN Program.	\$2,000 Recommendation considered rate of public access to new program.
2nd Chance Companions	\$6,500	Match 50%-50% SN Program w/2nd Chance funds.	\$5,000 Continuation of established program.
Proposal Total	\$26,125	Total Recommendations	\$15,000

Carol Williams made a motion to send the proposal and the recommendations to the Board of County Commissars, Linda Cox seconded, all were in favor.

2002 Pet Overpopulation Summit Conference:

Tim Jennings briefly went over the Washington State Shelter Population survey. He stated that the numbers might not be accurate due to the fact that different agencies have different levels of responsibility. Tim Jennings said that Spokane County has shown an amazing amount of commitment as a community when working the 3 shelters with other independent groups.

Carol Williams voiced her concern in regards to hearing of animals being brought from other countries were being placed before animals from this country. Rick Collord stated that this practice was not done here.

The notes from the No More Homeless Pet Coalition were handed out along with information from other groups in the county. See Handouts.

Strategic Planning: Five-Year Plan:

Tim Jennings asked the board if they had any thoughts, questions or additions in regards to the sections of the five-year plan identifying performance gaps. They did not. Next month the staff will present the draft history, performance measures and methods of feedback analysis sections of the plan.

IV. Roundtable

Rick Collord gave the report for the shelter:

DOGS		CATS		
Received	increase	Received	increase	
Adopted	decrease	Adopted	increase	
Euthanized	increase	Euthanized	increase	
RTO	increase	RTO	decrease	

The shelter is approximately 1 month away from opening the new building. They will not be doing a large grand opening, but will have a more private opening with different people and agencies. Rick Collord also handed out their newsletter and mentioned that a microchip clinic will be coming up soon.

V. New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

VI. Public Forum

There was no new business to discuss.

VII. Adjournment

Carol adjourned the meeting at 8:30pm.

Hearing Tribunal

Held over for July 25, 2002.

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